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Item 6

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION

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Summary

This paper presents a draft response from the AONB Partnership to the current government consultation on a new Natural Environment White Paper.

Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to comment on and endorse the draft response.

Background

1. Protecting the environment and enhancing biodiversity is one of Defra's top 3 priorities, as outlined in the Department's Structural Reform Plan. A key commitment under this priority is the publication of a White Paper on the natural environment by spring 2011. On 26 July 2010 Defra published a discussion paper "An invitation to shape the Nature of England", inviting comments and submissions by 30 October 2010. The consultation summary document and a draft AONB Partnership response are appended below.

List of Background Papers

Natural environment: an invitation to shape the nature of England, available at http://ww2.defra.gov.uk/our-responsibilities/nat-environment/

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.
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Environmental Appraisal

The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.

Risk Management Appraisal

Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.
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Community / Consultations Appraisal
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The content of this paper has not been subject to any prior consultation.

Appendices

Appendix 1 An invitation to shape the Nature of England - Discussion Document Summary
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Appendix 2 Draft AONB Partnership response to Natural Environment White Paper consultation
